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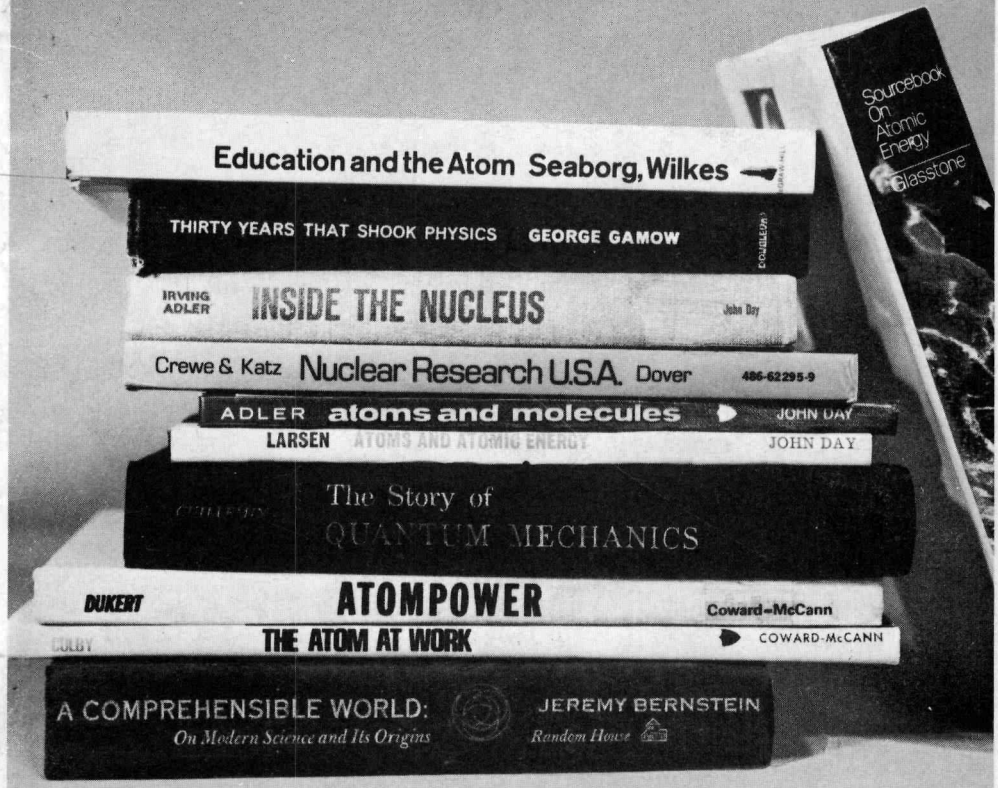

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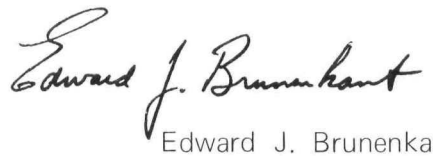
The Understanding the Atom Series

Nuclear energy is playing a vital role in the life of every man, woman, and child in the United States today. In the years ahead it will affect increasingly all the peoples of the earth. It is essential that all Americans gain an understanding of this vital force if they are to discharge thoughtfully their responsibilities as citizens and if they are to realize fully the myriad benefits that nuclear energy offers them.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission provides this booklet to help you achieve such understanding.



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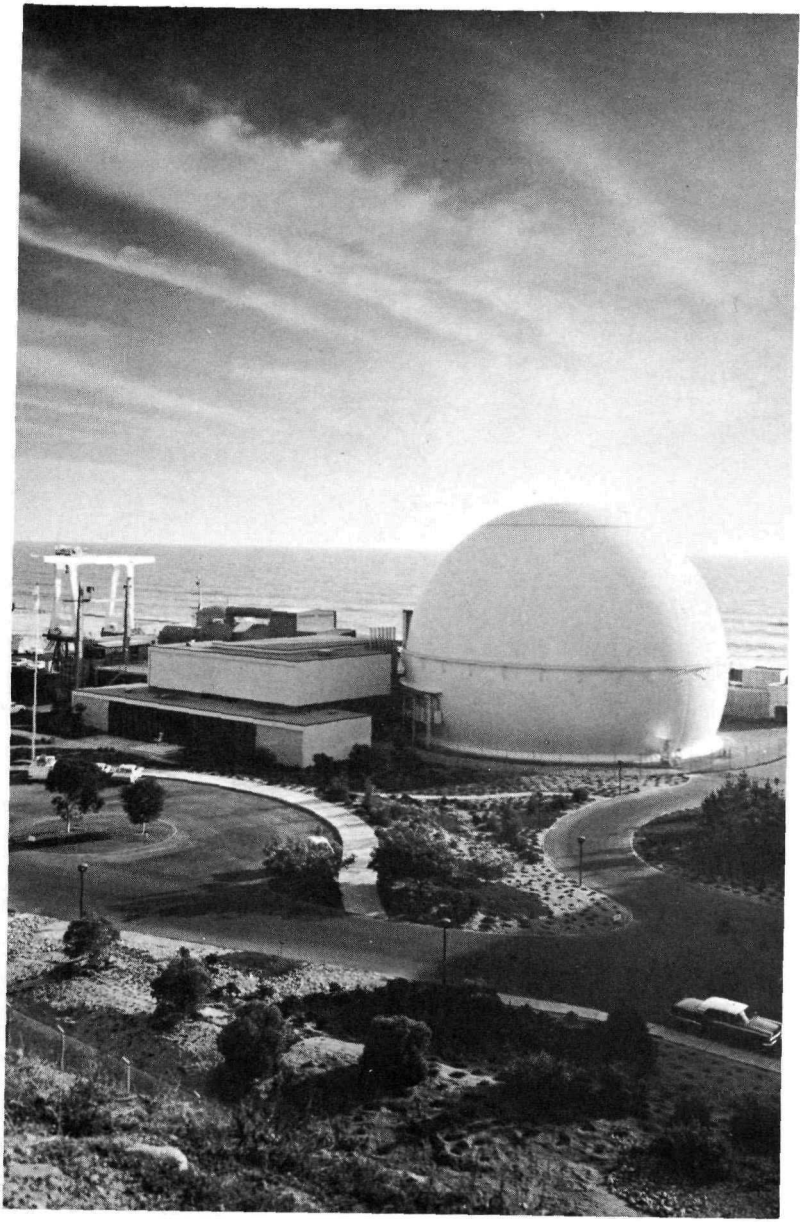


The San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station near San Clemente, California, has a net electrical capacity of 430,000 kilowatts and began commercial operation in 1967.

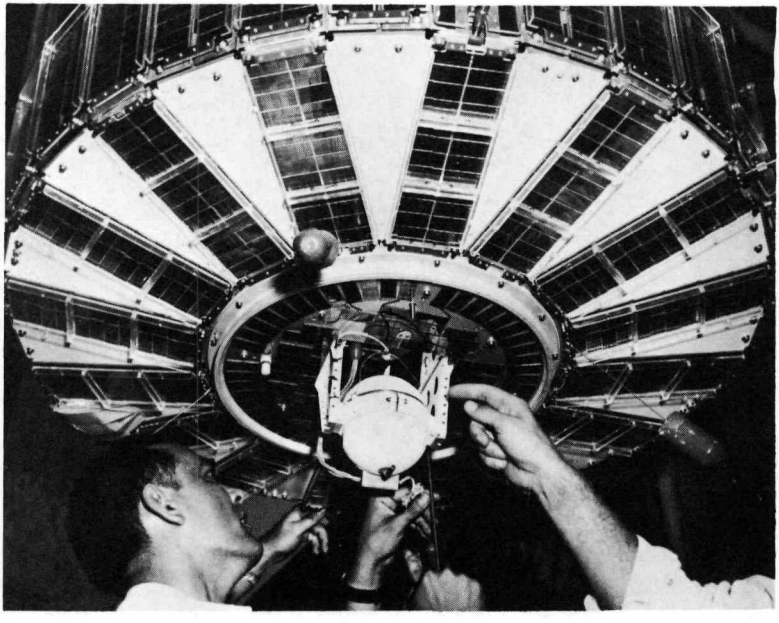
Introduction

This booklet contains two lists of atomic energy books—one for students and one for adults. The student list has grade annotations. The lists are not all-inclusive but comprise selected basic books on atomic energy and closely related subjects.

Those books marked OP (out of print) can in most cases be obtained through libraries.

The books are alphabetized by title, and an author index begins on page 39. A list of publishers' addresses begins on page 45.

This booklet is one of the Understanding the Atom series; others are listed on the inside back cover, along with information on how to obtain them. Each of the other booklets contains a list of references specifically related to its subject matter, including books, reports, articles, and motion pictures; the references on the pages that follow do not duplicate those in the other booklets, except for a few titles of a general nature.



The SNAP-3A generator (white ball at bottom), attached to a satellite to provide energy for the satellite's transmitters, was the first use of atomic power in space. Launched in 1961 with a design life of 5 years, SNAP-3A is still operating. (SNAP is an acronym for Systems for Nuclear Auxiliary Power.)

How to Obtain Information in a Library

Persons seeking information on nuclear energy can find many other sources in public or school libraries. The library card catalogue contains an alphabetical list of books filed by author's last name, title, and subject. Each card will have a call number in one corner. This number is usually derived from the Dewey Decimal System, which classifies books in the following way:

000 General Works
100 Philosophy
200 Religion
300 Social Sciences; Sociology
400 Linguistics
500 Pure Science
600 Applied Sciences
700 Arts and Recreation
800 Literature
900 History

Books on nuclear physics would be found in the 530 group, which is the physics classification.

The *Subject Guide to Books in Print,* revised annually, is a good supplement to the card catalogue. This guide is especially helpful since its headings are broken down. For example, under Atomic Energy, one finds subheadings such as Dictionaries, Economic Aspects, History, International Control, etc.

Encyclopedias provide a good starting point in an information search. The *Encyclopedia Americana* has 8 text pages under Atomic Energy in addition to a glossary, cross references, and bibliography.

The *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature,* issued monthly, lists articles by subject and author from 126 periodicals. (Titles are given only for works of fiction.)

Periodicals such as *Science, Scientific American, Science Digest, Popular Science,* and *Science News* are often sources of nuclear energy articles. The first two issue indexes.

Good general guides to information are:

Basic Tools of Research. Philip H. Vitale. 1963. 173 pp. Barron's, $3.95 (hardback); $1.95 (paperback).

Books, Libraries, and You. (3rd edition). Jessie Boyd, Leo B. Baisden, Carolyn Mott, and Gertrude Memmler. 1965. 205 pp. Scribner's, $3.60.

Children's Book on How to Use Books and Libraries. (revised edition). Carolyn Mott and Leo B. Baisden. 1961. 207 pp. Scribner's, $2.96.

The First Book of Facts and How to Find Them. David C. Whitney. 1966. 72 pp. Watts, $2.65. Grades 4-6.

How and Where to Look It Up: A Guide to Standard Sources of Information. Robert W. Murphey. 1958. 721 pp. McGraw-Hill, $16.50.

How to Find Out. (2nd edition). George Chandler. 1966. 198 pp. Pergamon, $4.50. (Third edition in preparation.)

The following bibliographies are also useful:

A Guide to Science Reading. (revised edition). Hilary J. Deason, compiler and editor. 1966. 288 pp. New American Library, $0.75.

The AAAS Science Book List for Young Adults. Compiled under the direction of Hilary J. Deason. 1964. 250 pp. AAAS, $3.50 (hardback); $2.50 (paperback). OP.

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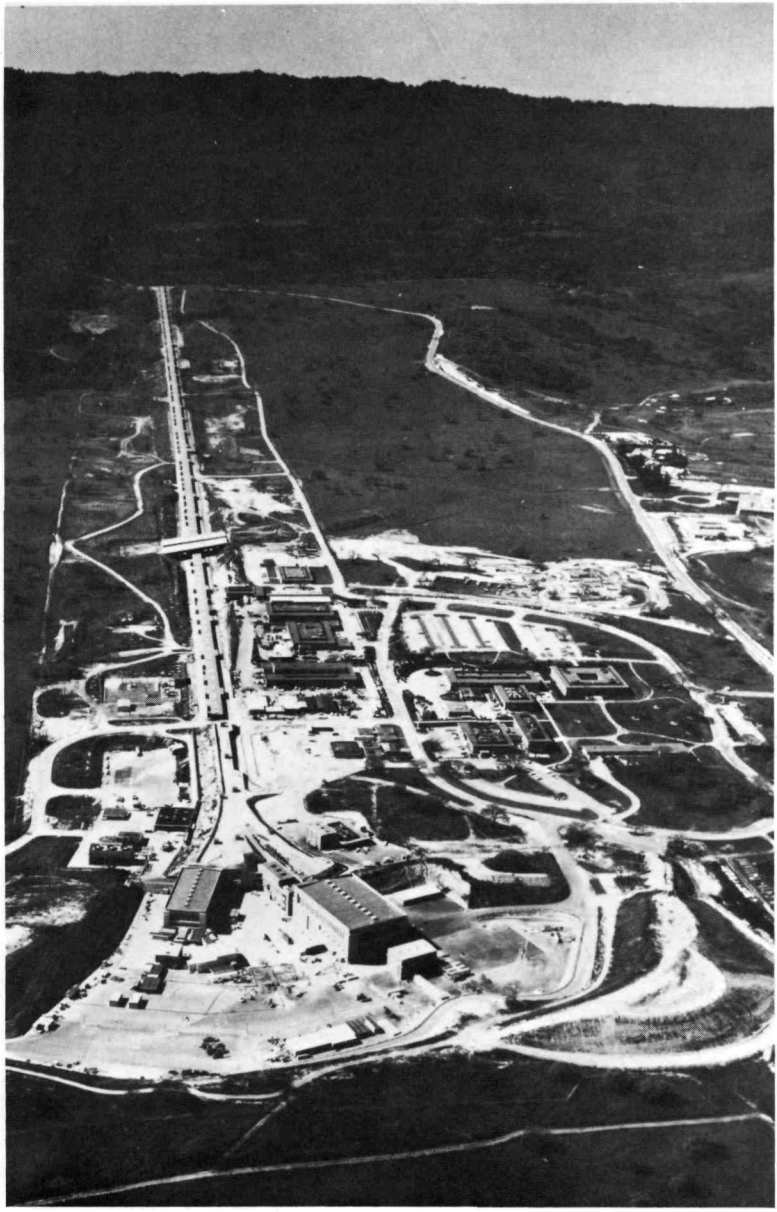


An aerial view of the 2-mile electron accelerator at Stanford University in California, and the experimental buildings and other facilities required for the scientists, engineers, and other workers, who study the fundamental nature of matter.

Books for Children

Accelerators: Machines of Nuclear Physics. Robert R. Wilson and Raphael Littauer. 1960. 196 pp. Doubleday, $1.45.

Explains the most common types of accelerators, the history of their development and the way in which each type contributes to nuclear physics.
Grades 9-12.

The Atom and Beyond: A New Introduction to Modern Physical Science. E. Sheldon Smith. 1965. 160 pp. Bantam, $0.75.

Principles and concepts of atomic science are defined. Included are the electrical nature of matter, the discovery of the electron and the nucleus, the meaning of quantum mechanics, wave theory of the atom, the nature of chemical bonding, the uncertainty principle, gas laws and ideal gases, and the geometry of molecules.
Grades 10-12.

The Atom at Work: How Nuclear Power Can Benefit Man. C. B. Colby. 1968. 48 pp. Coward-McCann, $2.97.

A picture book of peaceful applications of atomic energy. Each application is illustrated by one or more photographs and described in a brief paragraph.
Grades 4-8.

Atomic Energy. Irene D. Jaworski and Alexander Joseph. 1961. 218 pp. Harcourt, $4.95.

Describes the nature and structure of the atom and presents many safe home experiments, such as producing and controlling an electron beam, photographing alpha tracks, observing scintillations, making a reactor model, and constructing a Van de Graaff generator.
Grades 8-12.

Atomic Submarines. William R. Anderson, James Baar, and William E. Howard. 1968. 63 pp. Childrens Press, $3.95.

A lavishly illustrated history of nuclear submarines. William Anderson was the captain of the *Nautilus*, the first atomic submarine.
Grades 4-8.

Atompower. Joseph M. Dukert. 1962. 127 pp. Coward-McCann, $3.50.

Explains nuclear energy and how it is used. Atomic submarines and surface ships, reactors, nuclear space vehicles, peaceful atomic explosions, and radioisotope use in industry, medicine, and agriculture are described in words and pictures. A glossary is appended.
Grades 5-8.

Atoms. Melvin Berger. 1968. 46 pp. Coward-McCann, $3.29.

A simple book for young children.
Grades 1-3.

Atoms Afloat: The Nuclear Ship *Savannah.* Edward and Ruth S. Radlauer. 1963. 124 pp. Abelard-Schuman, $3.00.

The construction and operation of the NS *Savannah* are explained in simple language. Good photographs and a glossary are included.
Grades 7-11.

Atoms and Atomic Energy. Egon Larsen. 1963. 48 pp. Day, $2.50.

A simply written history of nuclear energy with special sections on nuclear power and isotopes.
Grades 4-6.

Atoms and Molecules. Irving and Ruth Adler. 1966. 48 pp. Day, $2.68.

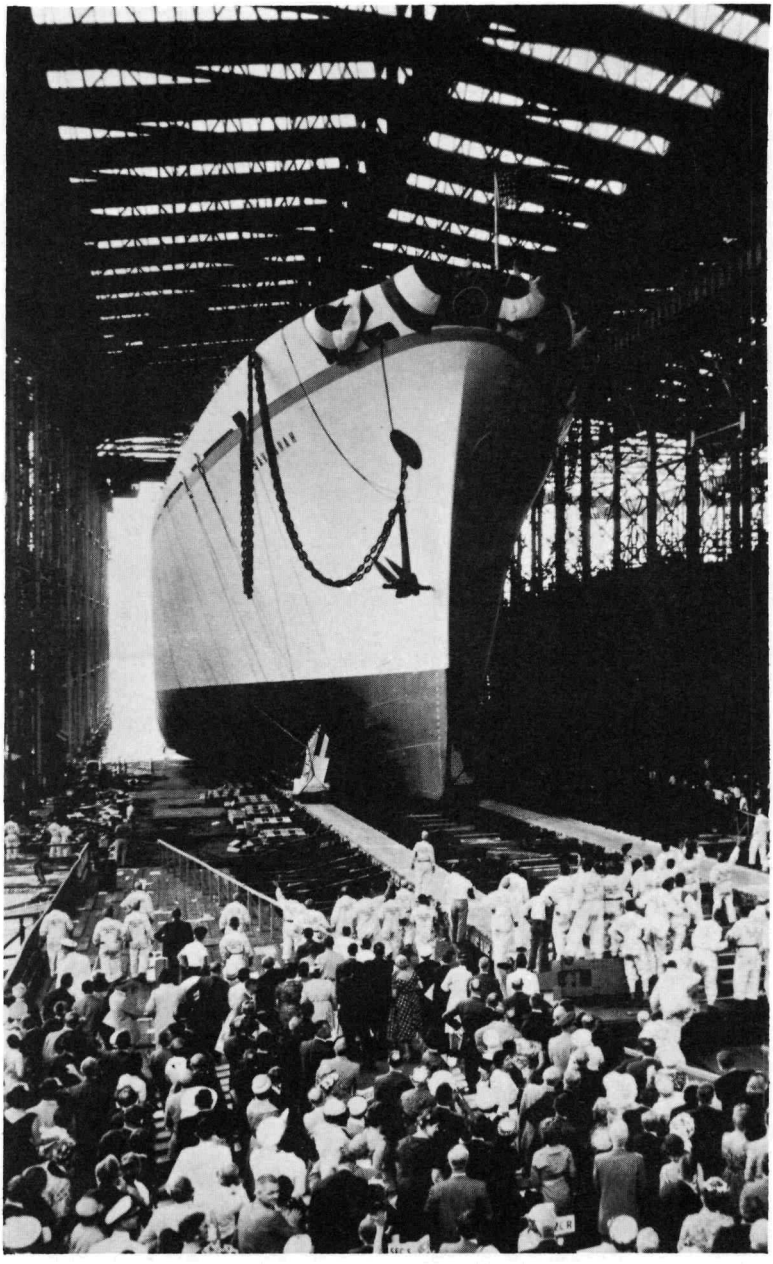
An elementary introduction to nuclear energy principles.
Grades 3-6.

Atoms Today and Tomorrow. (3rd edition). Margaret O. Hyde. 1966. 160 pp. McGraw-Hill, $3.50.

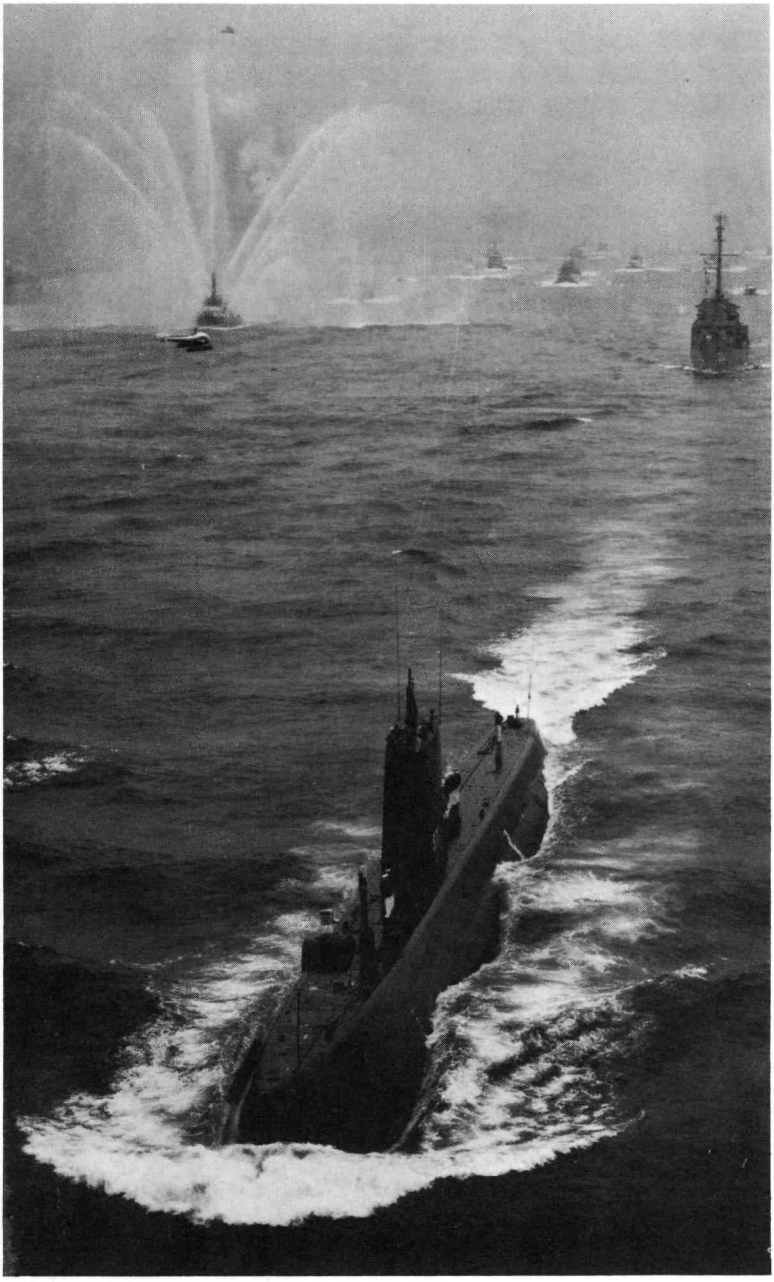
Describes applications of atomic energy in agriculture, industry, and medicine. Radioactivity and its control and the effect of bomb tests on the weather are also examined.
Grades 7-11.

Basic Laws of Matter. (revised edition). Harrie S. W. Massey and Arthur R. Quinton. 1965. 178 pp. Herald, $3.75.

A nontechnical presentation of atoms and the laws governing their behavior.
Grades 7-9.



The NS Savannah, *the first cargo-passenger ship to be driven by nuclear power, slides down the ways at launching ceremonies in Camden, New Jersey, in 1959.*



The USS Nautilus, *the first atomic submarine, is escorted into New York harbor after her voyage under the arctic ice cap in 1958.*

The Book of the Atom. Leonard De Vries. 1960. 268 pp. Macmillan, $3.95.

A popular account of atomic theory tracing various scientific discoveries that culminated in the final isolation of the atom.
Grades 7-9.

Building Blocks of the Universe. (revised edition). Isaac Asimov. 1961. 380 pp. Abelard-Schuman, $3.50 (hardback); Hale, $2.70 (paperback).

A comprehensive and interesting discussion of the elements.
Grades 8-12.

Discoverer of X Rays: Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen. Arnulf K. Esterer. 1968. 191 pp. Messner, $3.50.

This interesting biography includes a brief, but very helpful, pronouncing gazetteer of the German, Swiss, and Dutch names in the text.
Grades 7-10.

Discovery of the Elements. (6th edition). Mary E. Weeks. 1956. 910 pp. Chemical Education, $10.00.

A well-illustrated history of the chemistry of the elements.
Grades 9-12.

The Discovery of the Elements. Willy Ley. 1968. 256 pp. Delacorte, $4.95.

An historical survey of the discovery of the elements.
Grades 7-9.

Elements of the Universe. Glenn T. Seaborg and Evans G. Valens. 1958. 253 pp. Dutton, $4.95 (hardback); $2.15 (paperback).

How transuranium elements were discovered, their position in the periodic table, and predictions of further discoveries.
Grades 6-9.

Enrico Fermi: Atomic Pioneer. Doris Faber. 1966. 86 pp. Prentice-Hall, $3.50.

A biography of the man who built the first reactor.
Grades 5-8.

Experiments in Nuclear Science. Grafton D. Chase, Stephen Rituper, and John W. Sulconki. 1964. 167 pp. Burgess, $3.50; teacher's guide, $2.45.

A manual of 54 experiments that demonstrate the fundamentals and some of the applications of nuclear energy.
Grades 8-12.

Experiments With Atomics. (revised edition). Nelson F. Beeler and Franklyn M. Branley. 1965. 160 pp. Crowell, $3.50.

This well-written and well-illustrated book gives directions for conducting experiments and building with ordinary materials an assortment of nuclear devices.
Grades 5-8.

The Fabulous Isotopes: What They Are and What They Do. Robin McKown. 1962. 189 pp. Holiday, $4.50.

The theory of radioisotopes and how they are used in laboratories, hospitals, and on farms.
Grades 7-10.

Giant of the Atom: Ernest Rutherford. Robin McKown. 1962. 191 pp. Messner, $3.50.

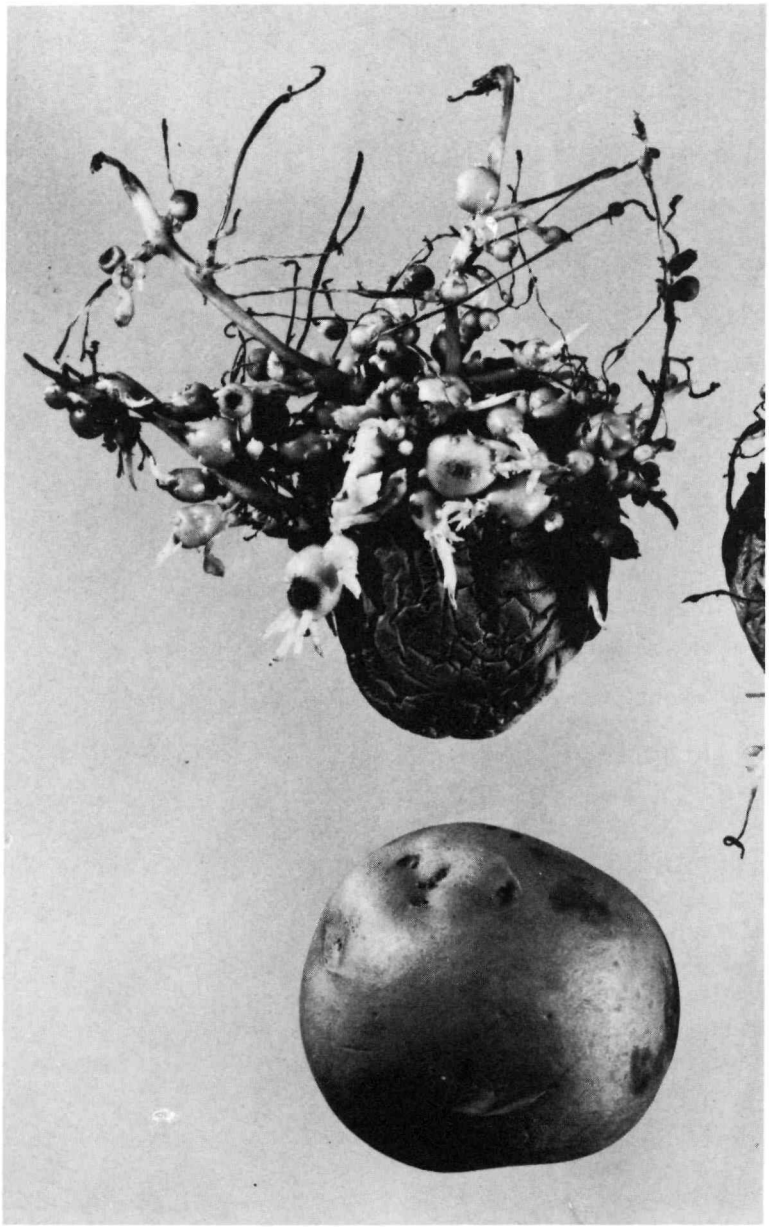
The life and accomplishments of a great scientist.
Grades 7-12.

The History of the Atomic Bomb. Michael Blow. 1968. 150 pp. American Heritage, $4.95.

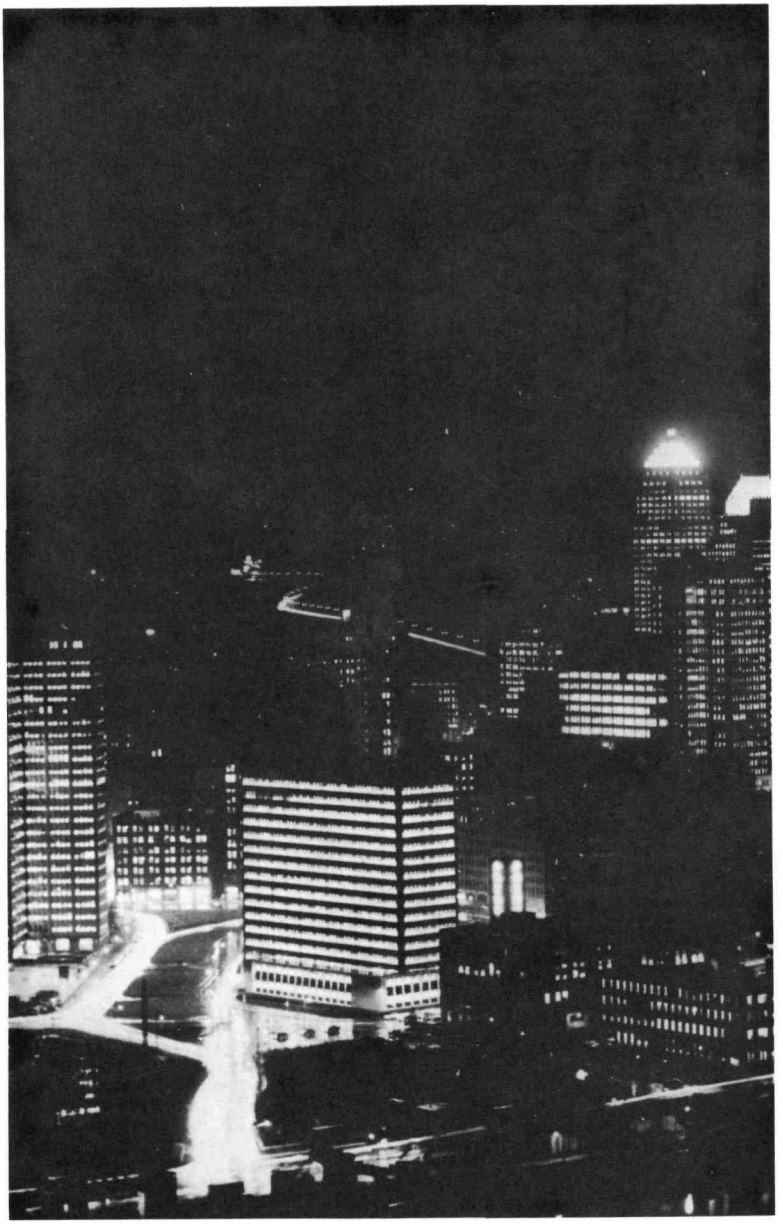
This sumptuously illustrated history provides an informative explanation of nuclear physics in addition to comprehensive coverage of the bomb's development and use.
Grades 5-9.

Inside the Atom. (revised edition). Isaac Asimov. 1966. 197 pp. Abelard-Schuman, $4.00.

This comprehensive, well-written text explains nuclear energy and its applications.
Grades 7-10.



The striking effect of radiation in preserving foods is demonstrated above. The bottom potato was exposed to 20,000 rads of gamma radiation; the top one was not treated. Both were stored for 16 months and then this picture was taken. The irradiated potato was still firm, fresh-looking, edible, and had no sprouts.



The lights of downtown Pittsburgh. The Shippingport Atomic Power Station, the first full-scale, nuclear-electric station built exclusively for civilian needs, provides electricity for the homes and factories of the greater Pittsburgh area. The station began commercial operation in 1957.

Introducing the Atom. Roslyn Leeds. 1967. 224 pp. Harper, $3.95.

This story of nuclear energy and its applications is supplemented by a biographical section on nuclear physicists, a glossary of terms, and a bibliography.

Grades 7-9.

Let's Go To An Atomic Energy Town. Kirk Polking. 1968. 46 pp. Putnam, $1.97.

A nuclear reactor provides power for the "atomic energy town" of the title. A good explanation of how and why a nuclear power plant works is followed by descriptions of other peaceful uses of nuclear energy. A glossary, reference list, and a list of projects are appended.

Grades 3-6.

Men Who Mastered the Atom. Robert Silverberg. 1965. 193 pp. Putnam, $3.30.

Atomic energy history is told through the work of pioneer scientists from Thales to present-day researchers.

Grades 7-9.

Molecules and Atoms. Edward Victor. 1963. 32 pp. Follett, $1.00.

An exploration of the structure of matter.

Grades 2-6.

Mr. Tomkins Explores the Atom. George Gamow. 1945. 97 pp. Cambridge, $2.95.

The author uses the comic adventures of a fictional character to explain nuclear energy. Mr. Tomkins discovers molecular motion, the intricacies of the electron, and the principles of the cyclotron in his search for the perfect gambling system.

Grades 7-9.

The Neutron Story. Donald J. Hughes. 1959. 158 pp. Doubleday, $1.25.

A substantial and interesting account of neutron physics.

Grades 7-9.

Niels Bohr: The Man Who Mapped the Atom. Robert Silverberg. 1965. 189 pp. MacRae, $3.75.

An exciting, suspenseful, and humorous biography of one of the pioneers in atomic energy. Includes a glossary and references.

Grades 8-12.

The Noble Gases. Isaac Asimov. 1966. 171 pp. Basic Books, $4.50.

An historical account of the noble gases, which, until 1962, could not be made to combine chemically with each other or with other elements.

Grades 8-12.

Nuclear Physics and the Fundamental Particles. H. H. Heckman and P. W. Starring. 1963. 410 pp. Holt, $2.60. OP.

A nonmathematical textbook written for high school students. The basic science of the nucleus is stressed.

Grades 10-12.

Our Friend the Atom. Heinz Haber. 1957. 165 pp. Golden Press, $4.95 (hardback) OP; Dell, $0.35 (paperback).

Atomic history and theory are presented and dramatically illustrated, using the old fairy tale of the Fisherman and the Genie as an introduction.

Grades 7-9.

The Peaceful Atom. Bernice Kohn. 1963. 72 pp. Prentice-Hall, $3.50.

The birth of atomic energy, early experiments to harness it, its present uses, and its fabulous future.

Grades 4-6.

Peacetime Uses of Atomic Energy. (revised edition). Martin Mann. 1961. 191 pp. Viking Press, $5.00 (hardback); $1.65 (paperback).

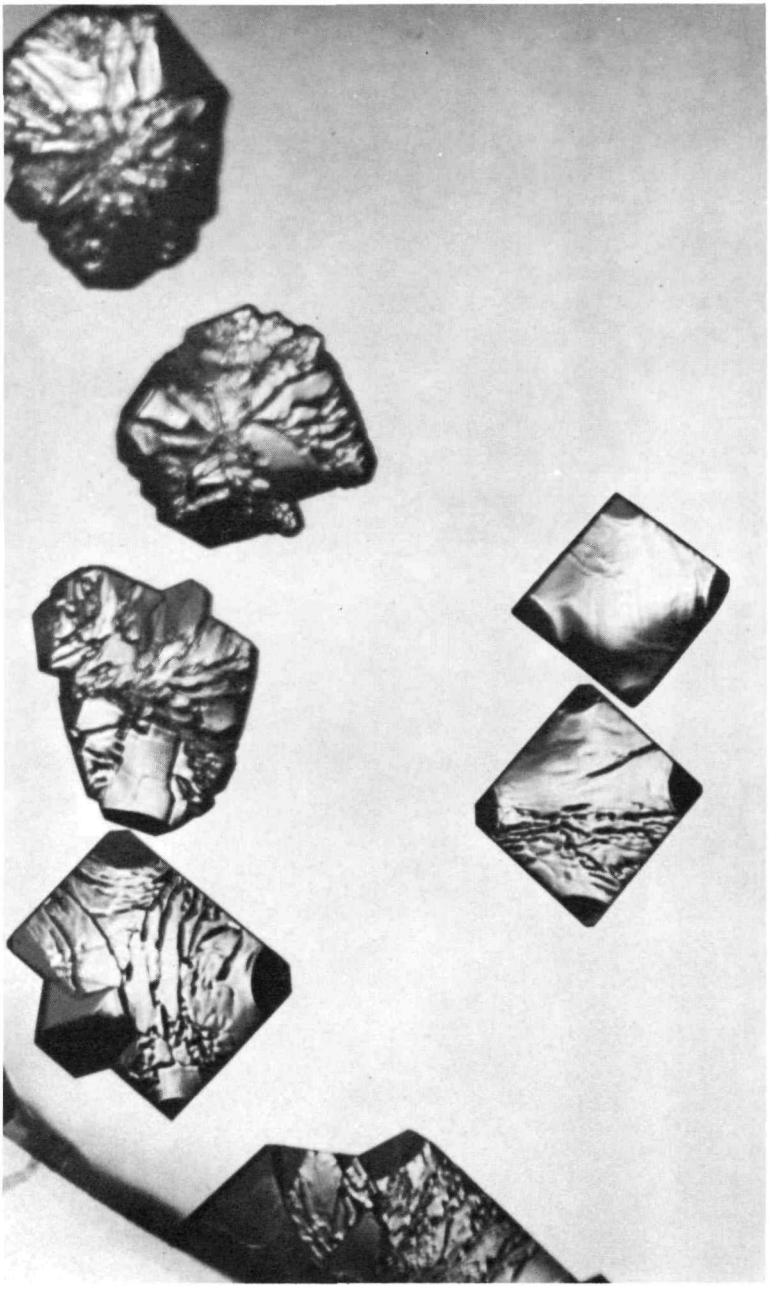
A well-illustrated, nontechnical introduction to atomic energy for high school science students. Includes a useful glossary.

Grades 9-12.

The Questioners: Physicists and the Quantum Theory. Barbara Lovett Cline. 1965. 274 pp. Crowell, $5.00; New American Library, $0.75 (paperback) with the title **Men Who Made a New Physics: Physicists and the Quantum Theory.**

An exceptionally well-delineated and personable account of the development of the quantum theory by physicists in the first quarter of this century.

Grades 9-12.



Crystals of xenon tetrafluoride created in the experiment that first combined one of the noble gases with another element in 1962.

The age of this 1000-year-old linen wrapping from the Dead Sea Scroll containing the Book of Isaiah was determined with the isotope, carbon-14.

This 9000-year-old rope sandal, one of a pair of 300 pairs found in an eastern Oregon cave, was also dated with carbon-14.

Radioactivity: Fundamentals and Experiments. Sister Mary Hermias and Sister Mary Joecile. 1963. 209 pp. Holt, $2.30.

Fifty-one experiments for the enrichment of high school courses in biology, chemistry, and physics.
Grades 8-12.

Radioisotopes. John H. Woodburn. 1962. 128 pp. Lippincott, $3.50.

The broad spectrum of radioisotope use is presented—ranging from determining the age of the Dead Sea Scrolls to locating a brain tumor.
Grades 7-10.

The Restless Atom. Alfred Romer. 1960. 198 pp. Doubleday, $1.25.

A stimulating nonmathematical account of the classic early experiments that advanced knowledge about atomic particles.
Grades 9-12.

Roads to Discovery. Ralph E. Lapp. 1960. 191 pp. Harper, $3.95.

Historical survey of nuclear physics beginning with Roentgen's discovery of X rays and concluding with the discoveries of the rare elements.
Grades 10-12.

Rutherford and the Nature of the Atom. Edward N. da C. Andrade. 1964. 218 pp. Peter Smith, $3.25 (hardback); Doubleday, $1.25 (paperback).

Andrade was one of Rutherford's assistants at the University of Manchester when he conducted his investigations of radioactivity that won him the Nobel Prize in 1908.
Grades 10-12.

Secret of the Mysterious Rays: The Discovery of Nuclear Energy. Vivian Grey. 1966. 120 pp. Basic Books, $3.95.

This outstanding history of nuclear research from Roentgen to Fermi is dramatically presented. The uncertainty of the unknown, the accidental discovery and the often lengthy and tedious research are woven into a fascinating tale. The international aspect of science is revealed in this story of scientists from around the world who pooled their knowledge and experience to unlock "the secrets of the mysterious rays".
Grades 4-8.

Secrets of the Nucleus. Joseph S. Levinger. 1967. 127 pp. McGraw-Hill, $2.95; NSTA, $0.50 (paperback).

This introduction to nuclear energy includes science projects and experiments.
Grades 9-12.

Superpower: The Story of Atomic Energy. (revised edition). Frank Ross, Jr. 1960. 183 pp. Lothrop, $3.50.

This popular narrative concerns development of the first sustained nuclear chain reaction and of the subsequent developments to use atomic energy in war, research, and industry.
Grades 8-12.

The Useful Atom. William R. Anderson and Vernon Pizer. 1966. 185 pp. World, $5.75.

An interesting and well-illustrated account of atomic energy from Democritus through the development of SNAP reactors. Anderson was captain of the first atomic submarine, the *Nautilus.*
Grades 7-12.

Wilhelm Röntgen and the Discovery of X Rays. Bern Dibner. 1968. 149 pp. Watts, $2.95.

This detailed biography, illustrated with line drawings, historical photographs and papers, is a fine addition to Watts' "Immortals of Science" Series.
Grades 5-8.

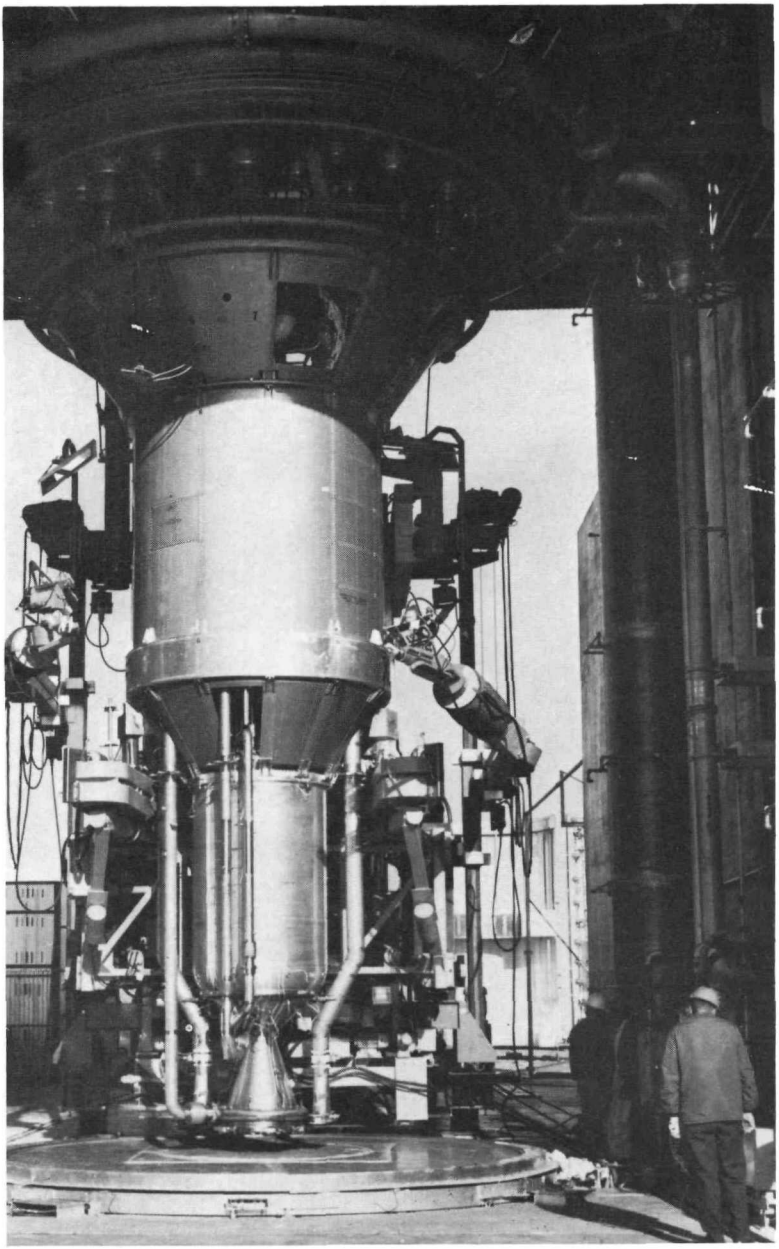
Working with Atoms. Otto R. Frisch. 1965. 96 pp. Basic Books, $3.50.

Dr. Frisch presents a history of nuclear energy research and provides experiments for the reader. He gives a personal account of the pioneering work in which he and Lise Meitner explained the splitting of uranium and introduced the term "nuclear fission".
Grades 9-12.

Young People's Book of Atomic Energy. (6th edition). Robert D. and Robert C. Potter. 1967. 202 pp. Dodd, $3.75.

This book provides a history of and an introduction to nuclear energy. About half of the text covers current peaceful applications while the other half is devoted to explanations of atomic energy principles and history.
Grades 7-9.

Above is the first nuclear-powered weather buoy located in the center of the Gulf of Mexico. This weather station, part of the U. S. Navy's NOMAD system, is on a barge 10 feet x 20 feet, and is anchored in 12,000 feet of water. On the right, engineers prepare to install the SNAP-7D generator. (NOMAD is an acronym for Navy Oceanographic Meteorological Automatic Device.)



Model of an advanced NERVA rocket engine that will produce 60,000 to 70,000 pounds of thrust and approximately 1500 megawatts of power. (NERVA is an acronym for Nuclear Engine for Rocket Vehicle Application.)

Books for Adults

Anyone Can Understand the Atom. Henry Bentinck. 1965. 134 pp. Roy, $4.50.

This text, couched in a question and answer form, provides a simple explanation of nuclear energy and its applications.

The Architecture of Matter. Stephen Toulmin and June Goodfield. 1962. 399 pp. Harper, $2.45.

Scientific and philosophic concepts concerning the physics, chemistry, and physiology of matter from the beginning of scientific research are presented eloquently.

The Atom and Its Nucleus. George Gamow. 1961. 153 pp. Prentice-Hall, $1.95.

A popular-level discussion of nuclear structure and the applications of nuclear energy.

The Atomic Energy Deskbook. John F. Hogerton. 1963. 673 pp. Reinhold, $11.00.

A one-volume encyclopedia prepared for nonspecialists. The entries, arranged alphabetically, range from simple explanation to treatment in depth.

Atomic Energy Encyclopedia in the Life Sciences. Charles W. Shilling, editor and major contributor. 1964. 474 pp. Saunders, $10.50.

This source book combines the features of a dictionary and an encyclopedia. It is designed to be of value to the medical and biological professions and as a quick reference work for researchers, teachers, administrators, and students. Its alphabetically arranged entries vary from concise definitions to journal-length articles.

Atomic Energy for Military Purposes. Henry D. Smyth. 1945. 308 pp. Princeton, $4.00.

A complete account of the wartime project that developed the first nuclear weapons and of the considerations that prompted their use.

Atomic Physics and Human Knowledge. Niels Bohr. 1958. 101 pp. Wiley, $3.95 (hardback); $1.45 (paperback).

This collection of addresses and articles is a valuable contribution to the philosophy of atomic physics.

Atomic Quest. Arthur H. Compton. 1956. 370 pp. Oxford, $6.50.

A personal narrative of the research that led to the release of atomic energy on a useful scale by a scientist who played a principal part in the atomic bomb project during World War II.

Atomic Shield, 1947/1952. Volume II—History of the United States Atomic Energy Commission. Richard G. Hewlett and Francis Duncan. 1969. 716 pp. Pennsylvania, $11.95. (This book and **The New World 1939/1946** are available as a boxed set for $17.95.)

A comprehensive history of the development of atomic energy in the United States from the transfer of the government's atomic energy program to the AEC on January 1, 1947, until the end of 1952.

The Atomists (1805-1933). Basil Schonland. 1968. 198 pp. Oxford, $5.60.

This book, which can be understood by anyone who has had a high school physics course, presents atomic theory development from Dalton through Bohr. It achieves a good balance between popular treatments and highly technical works without slighting the technical aspects.

Atoms for Peace. (revised edition). David O. Woodbury. 1965. 275 pp. Dodd, $4.50.

A nontechnical introduction to atomic energy applications, including nuclear power and radioisotope use.

Atoms in the Family: My Life with Enrico Fermi. Laura Fermi. 1954. 267 pp. Chicago, $5.00 (hardback); $1.95 (paperback).

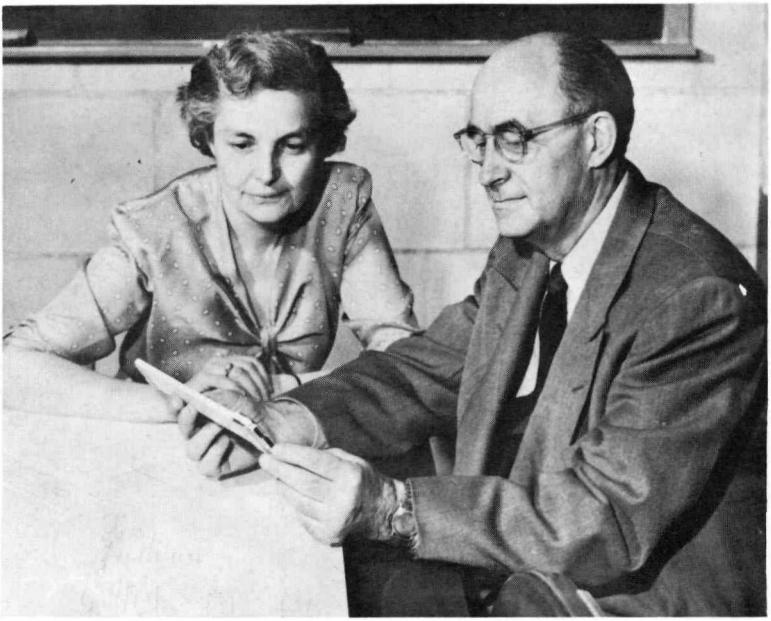
Laura Fermi writes about her husband, Enrico Fermi, the physicist who led the group that built the first nuclear reactor.

The Birth of the New Physics. I. Bernard Cohen. 1960. 200 pp. Doubleday, $1.25.

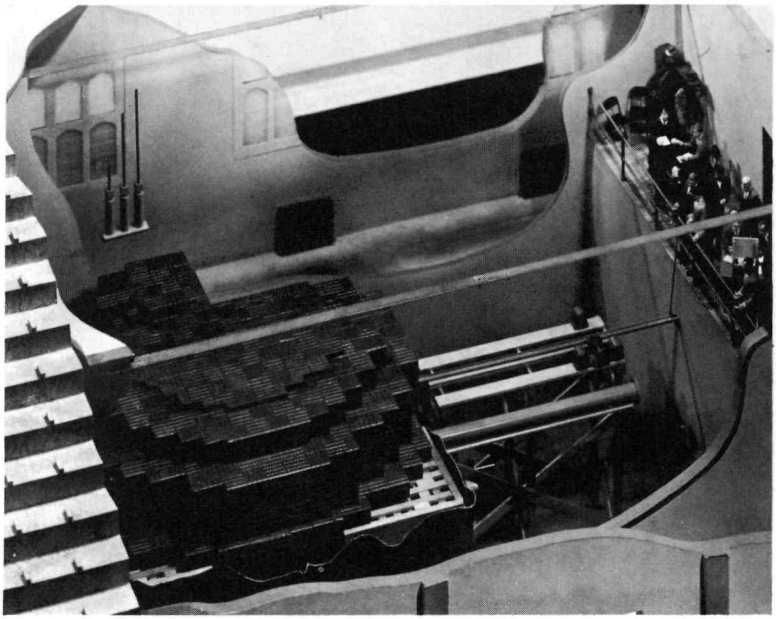
An account of Newton's formulation of classical physics that includes the historical events leading to this master stroke.

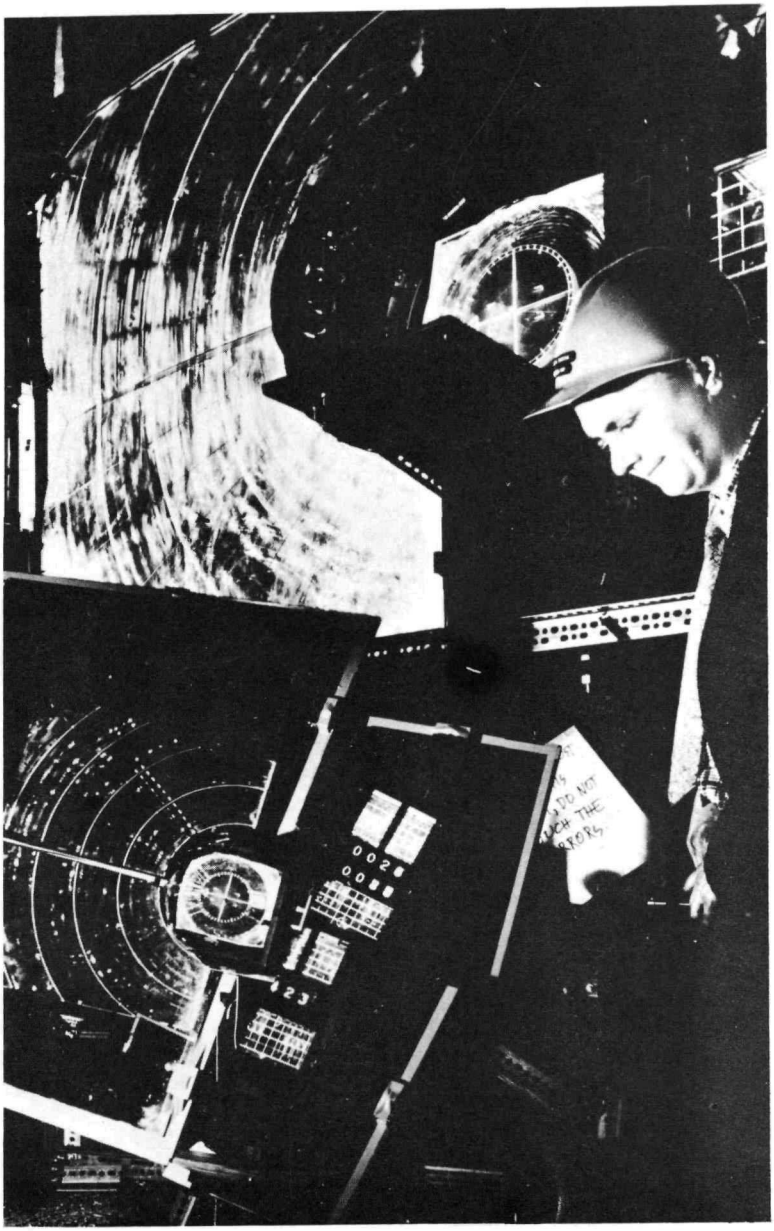
Breakthroughs in Physics. Peter Wolff (Ed.). 1965. 352 pp. New American Library, $0.75.

Seven physics immortals—Archimedes, Galileo, Pascal, Newton, Huygens, Von Helmholtz, and Einstein—tell the stories of their discoveries.



Laura and Enrico Fermi. In 1942 Fermi led the team of scientists who built the first nuclear reactor, a model of which is shown below.





This "hall of mirrors" helps physicists photograph tracks of nuclear particles passing through spark chambers. The dotted lines in the mirrors are particle tracks. Analysis of these tracks enables scientists to gather new information on the behavior and structure of matter.

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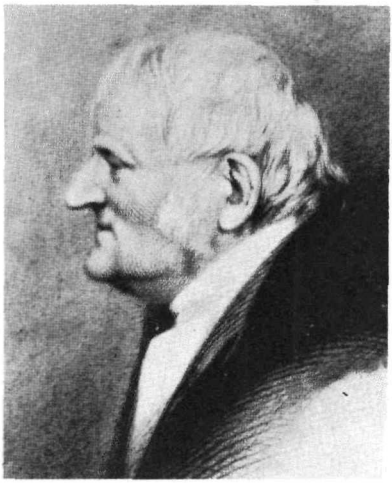

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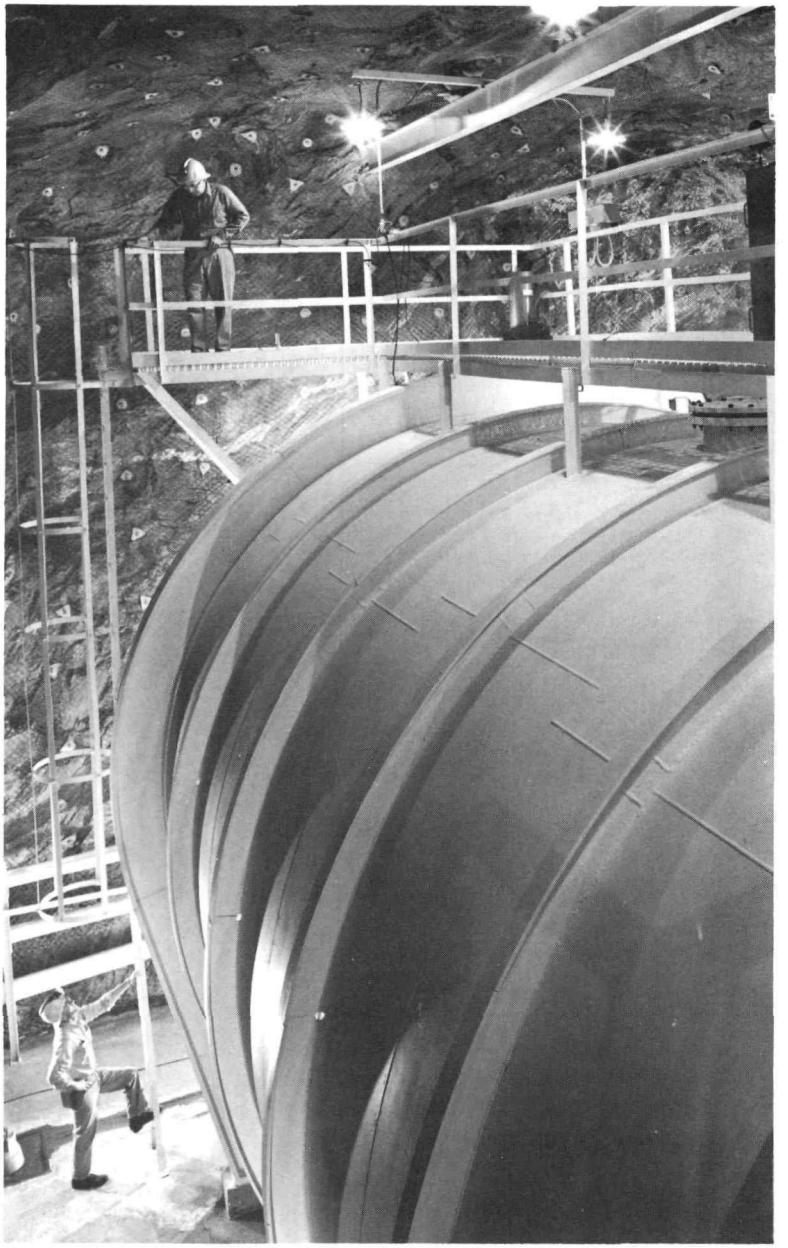

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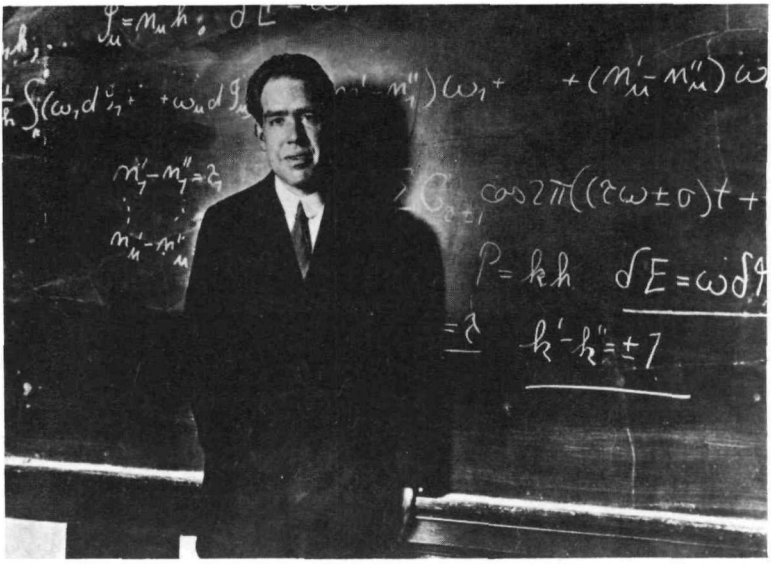

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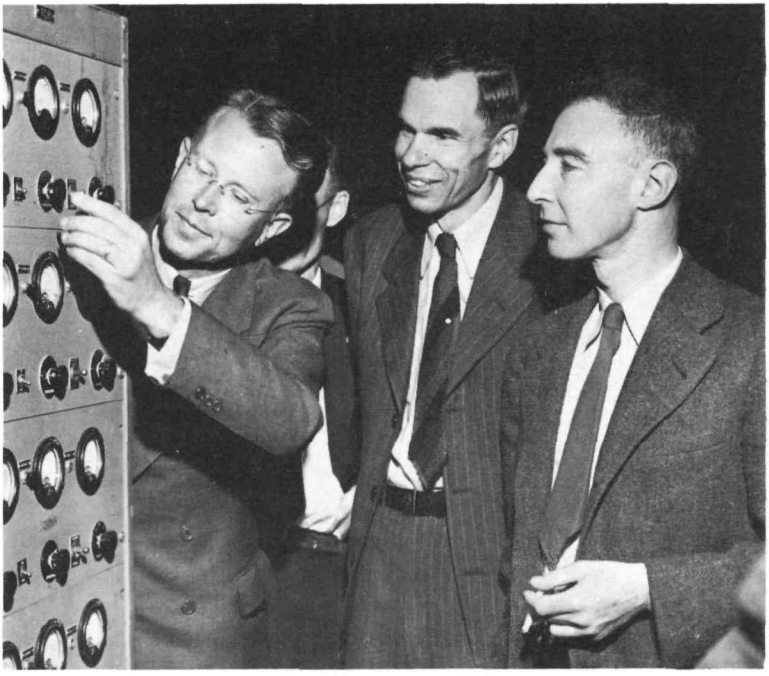

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Nuclear Weapons. Otto Berzins. 1967. 140 pp. Hart, $5.00.

An elementary explanation of nuclear energy is followed by descriptions of nuclear weapons, explosions, and their effects. The last chapter deals with protection from such explosions.

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A nontechnical story about the city where enriched uranium was produced for the first nuclear weapons: selection of the site, construction of the facilities, and community life.

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Project Sherwood: The U. S. Program in Controlled Fusion. Amasa S. Bishop. 1958. 216 pp. Addison-Wesley, $7.50.

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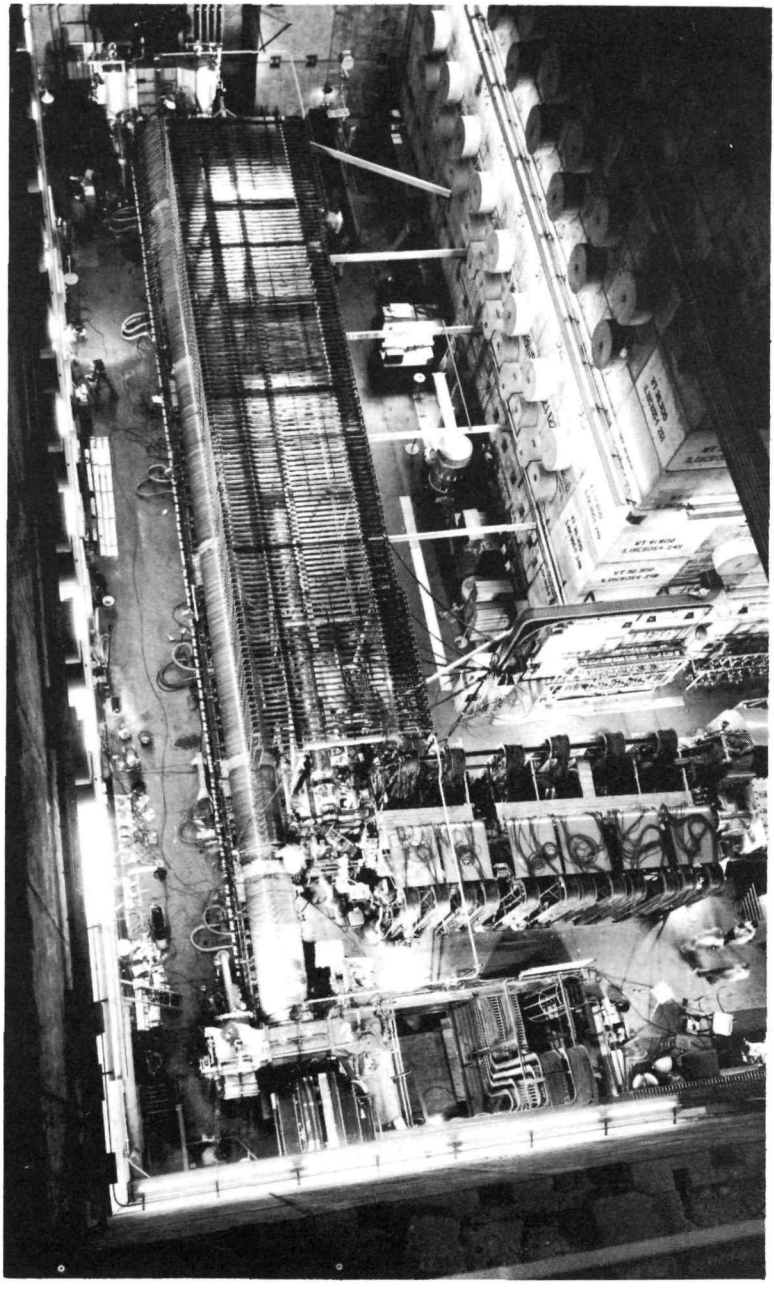

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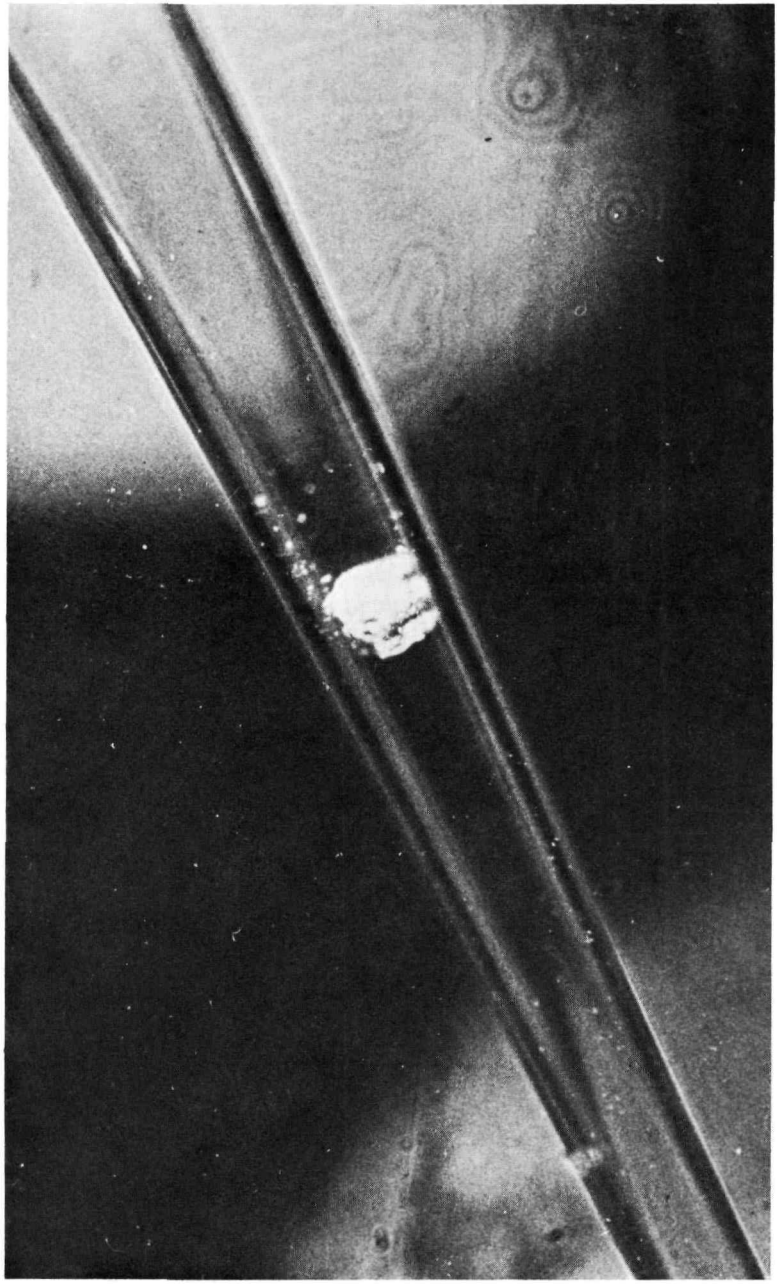

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Radioisotopes and Radiation. John H. Lawrence, Bernard Manowitz, and Benjamin S. Loeb. 1969. 131 pp. Dover, $2.50.

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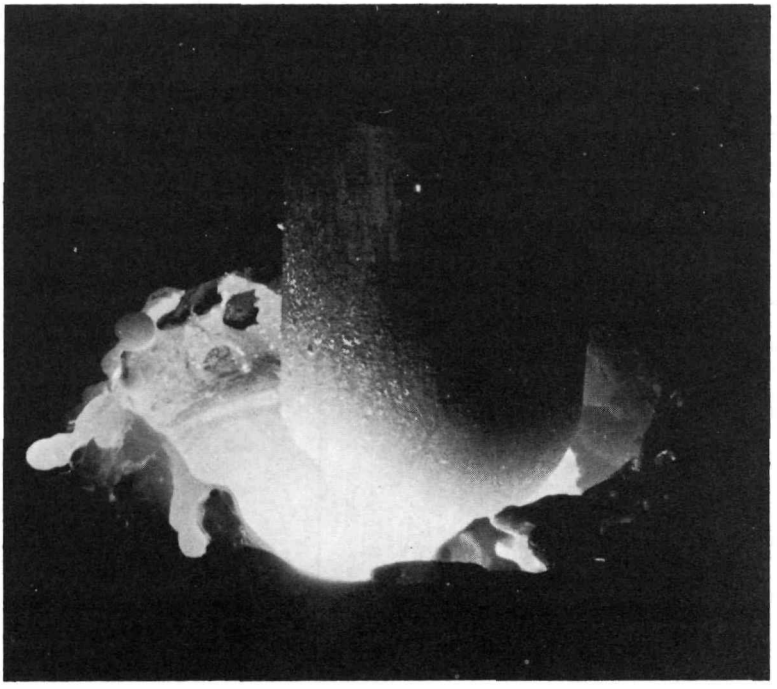

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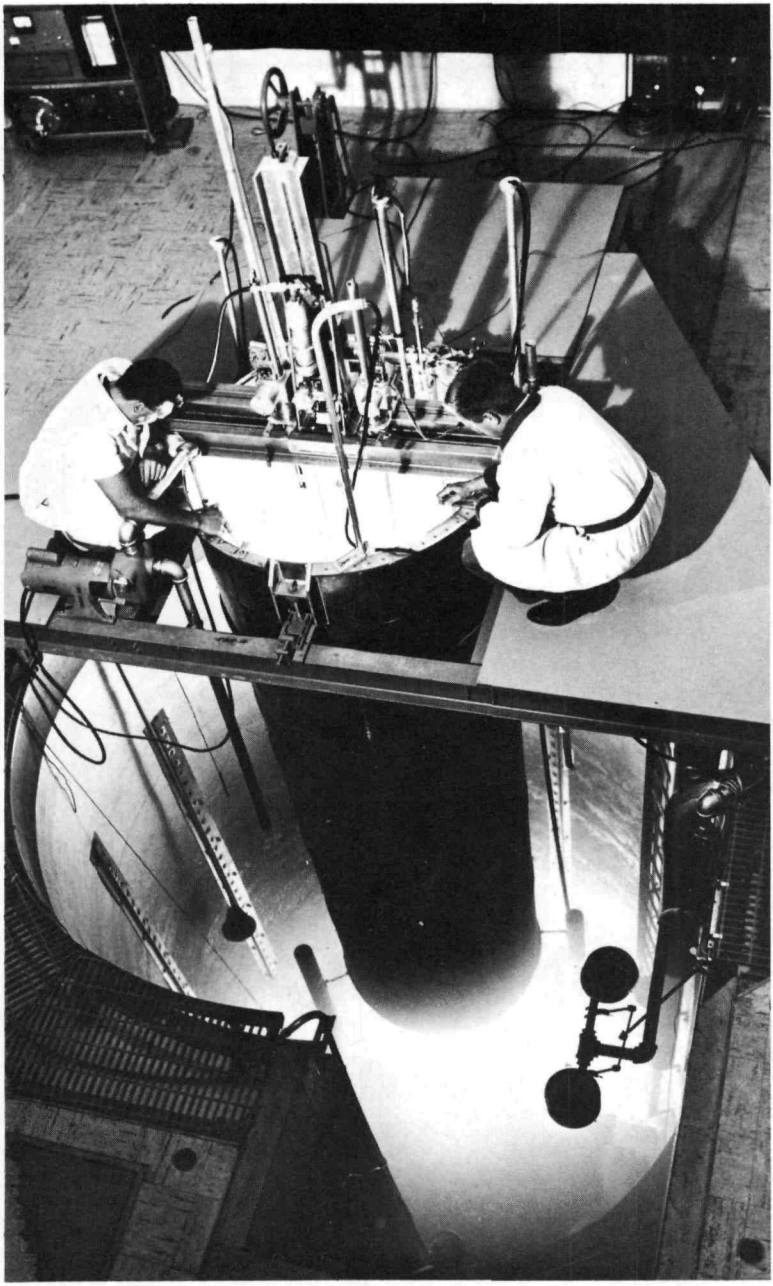

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